

Chronicle

TRIVIA!

March 17, 2024
Enjoy the event through pictures.

Trivia by the Numbers

- 99—Highest Score
- \$40—Money for Mites
- 36—Temperature for the Day
- 17—Number of Trivia Players
- 8—Rounds Played
- 5—Domino's Pizzas
- 3—Number of Teams
- McKenna played on
- 1— Master of Ceremony



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Message from Pastor Picard

What could be dumber than to make a dumb mistake and then to stick to that dumb mistake because you don't want to look dumb, which you suppose that you would were you to admit that you had made a dumb mistake?

There must be something dumber than that, but I can't think of what it would be. Human beings are rarely willing to back pedal. Bureaucracies and institutions even less so.

Be exceptional. Be brave enough to repent.

The thing that I think is so curious about our human propensity to staunchly stick to all of our old views and to defend our pasts is that that is almost a tacit admission that it is our deliberate decision not to grow; not to move forward. "Old-school" seems sort of poetically nostalgic. But if you're in your 40's that would seem to suggest that you haven't been able, these past 30 years, to move on from 4th grade.

If I am not in any way wiser than I was last year, then I have wasted a year of my life. It seems obvious that there ought to be continual growth on our part. But try to tell someone that their yesterday's decision, or that their previous point of view might bear reconsideration and they'll hit you with their purse – and not in a nice way either.

I weary of those who have it all figured out; end of discussion. Isn't that a refuse-to-grow position? Some conversations can't even get started because they're already over before they've begun.

You can't have a talk with someone who isn't willing to listen.

The morbidly inflexible person will always view it as a virtue that he sticks to his guns.

You can't have conversations with people who carry guns. Or, at least, the conversations are brief, and your wife is left widowed.

What is the point of all this?

Is there some hidden agenda? Some underlying message or concern?

No. It's just something to think about. We only grow by listening.

Too much talking stunts your growth.

Too much writing makes newsletter articles tiring.

UPCOMING EVENTS

April 13—Spring Clean-up 9a to noon

May 19—Graduation Sunday

April 3—Call Meeting at 7p

April 14 & 21—LWML Book Sale

April 16—Voter's Meeting at 7p



Missionary Rev. James Sharp was present at Our Savior Sunday, March 10. Rev. Sharp provided a very insightful and uplifting presentation on the progress he and his wife, Angela, who teaches English as a Foreign Language in their school there, have made in the city of Montevideo as well as other parts of Uruguay. Pr. Sharp made it clear that Uruguay was once a strong Christian nation in the past but over the years many have fallen away from the church. In fact, many in Uruguay believe Christians are just trying to get your money and do not trust the clergy because of bad actors who have been self-serving and practiced falsely. To counter that, the Sharps have focused on building relationships first to gain the people's trust. Only then are their hearts ready to hear about Christ. Pastor Sharp also spoke of important relationships he has made with the homeless in his neighborhood, bringing Jesus to them through meetings in the park when necessary. Sadly, many of the homeless are addicted to drugs, but Pastor Sharp holds class with them because they are equally as important to Jesus as the rest of the citizens of Uruguay.

The presentation included some humor. Rev. Sharp told of a devout young man attending confirmation even though his parents were not attending church themselves. When it became apparent that his sincere interest in confirmation also provided him a chance to be close to the Pastor's daughter, others in the church jokingly referred to this young man as Pastor Sharp's "son-in-law," although his daughter didn't find it so funny. The Care & Share group provided extra fellowship treats that morning and the elders took Pastor out to lunch prior to him driving to Red Oak, Iowa to stay with extended family. Members of the church donated in excess of \$1,100 toward missions that morning and those funds were sent to Mission Central for Gary Thies and his staff to distribute. A special thanks goes out to Carmen and Dorothy Sanders for hosting Pastor Sharp on Saturday evening prior to his visit at church. Pastor Sharp will soon rejoin his wife and daughters who have already returned to Uruguay due to school commitments. The Sharp's eldest son, Ambrose, will graduate from high school in the U.S. this year and attend the University of Iowa in the fall to study mechanical engineering. We look forward to seeing the entire Sharp family in December of 2025 when they next return to the states from Uruguay.



LWML News



April will be a very busy but fun month for us. We will have our last for the season quilting dates on Wednesday, April 10th and Friday, April 12th. Any help you can provide will be appreciated. It is estimated that we have made over 75 quilts this year! Pictured are JoAnn and Marilyn delivering two quilts to the High School. The second picture is of Sue as she delivered 7 quilts to Thomas Jefferson.



We will be sponsoring our annual book sale starting on Sunday, April 14th. All proceeds go to Mites. Lots of bargain books will be available in Fellowship Hall.

New Books in the library =

Title/author and call number

Josephus: the essential works/Maier 270.1 Mai

Eusebius: the church history/Maier 270.1 Mai





Spring Cleanup will be April 13th from 9a to noon.

Carole and JoAnn got a head start on putting Preen around the bushes.



Changing of the guard ...

Mickey Van Baale has been training with Marsha the past couple of weeks and is ready to go solo. Please stop by and say hello when you can.



Mickey grew up in Killduff and went to Lynnville-Sully schools. She was baptized at the Presbyterian church in Colfax, went to the United Methodist church while in Killduff, and now is a member of First Presbyterian church here in Newton. She has a son, Derik, who graduated from NHS in 1995. He and his wife, Sarah, live in Michigan and have 6 children, Isaac, 21; Gabe, 17; Susie, 16, Ben, 13, Annie, 12, and Josh, 9. Derik is employed by the Veteran's Administration as a clinical social worker. In his work, he deals with combat veterans and those with PTSD, which he experiences first-hand since being on active duty in Iraq. Sarah is a Math professor at a Christian college in Grand Rapids.

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Attention "Grands" (grandparents) with "Grads" (graduates). As in recent years, we wish to acknowledge the special accomplishments of your family members and you don't have to be a grandparent to join this celebration. Watch for more information.



LWML Marshalltown Zone Spring Rally April 20



Plans are under way as OSL Faith Society is set to host the LWML Marshalltown Zone Spring Rally on **Saturday April 20** from 9am – 3pm. The morning of the LWML event will begin with opening devotions, announcements and our guest speaker, Rev Dr James Lamb from Lutheran Family Service. After lunch, there will be a bible study, LWML business and a Christian skit and/or hymn or two and the day will close out around 3:00.

Dr Lamb's presentation is entitled "**The Other End of Life**" and he describes his presentation as: "We rightly defend and protect life at its beginning. But the devaluing of life's beginning has led to devaluing of life's end. Just as our society turned to death to solve the problem of a surprise pregnancy, so we are now turning to death to solve the problems of disability and aging through assisted suicide and euthanasia. This presentation looks at the theological and practical aspects of end-of-life issues."

All the women of OSL (of whom - I will remind you - are ALL members of LWML) are invited to attend this Zone rally day. You may soon see sign up sheets posted for help in bringing in foods for the lunch – your help in this will be greatly appreciated! And if your time is tight, we encourage you to come even if it's only for half the day. Several of us have heard this similar presentation 6+ years and had expressed interest in bringing the presentation to OSL – so here's your chance. All OSL members are welcome to sit in on the presentation (approx. 10:00am).